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POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENTS IN THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the Thermal Power Stations forinstallation of pollution control equipments with the aim of controlling pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The Government has notified environmental protection rules under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986. These rules provide for norms to limit the suspended particulate matter discharges, ambient air quality standards and water quality discharge standards. While according Environmental Clearance to Thermal PowerProjects the conditions of installation of Pollution Control Equipments are imposed. In case of old Thermal Power Stations where pollution control equipments are unable tomeet the regulatory norms specified by Ministry of Environment & Forests/CentralPollution Control Board, the equipments are refurbished or replaced under the Renovation and Modernisation programme.

(c) : The expenditure on these measures is project specific.